

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2335 - SB 2456

February 19, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the present law on determining child custody to require that if parents agree on a parenting plan, the court must enter the plan unchanged. If the parents disagree and one parent makes the request, the court must order joint physical and legal custody. The bill limits a court's authority to deviate from an agreed parenting plan or equal custody to situations where clear and convincing evidence showed that it placed the child in substantial harm.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time

Other Fiscal Impact:

Increase Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$200,000 One-Time
Jeopardizes federal funding of \$44,357,000 received under the block grant for the Child Support Program and \$213,000,000 received under the block grant for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (Families First)

Estimate assumes:

- according to the Department of Human Services, implementation of the bill would place the state in violation of federal requirements of both the Child Support and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs. The bill will decrease state collections of child support that represent reimbursement of public benefits paid by the state.
- requires changes in the computer system operated by the Department of Human of Services to administer the mandatory child support collection system. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$300,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director